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Local F F A Member is High In Crop Judging Contest

Dennis Torrence placed in a tie for high man in the recent Hub Federation F. F. A. crop judging contest held at Appomattox High School. Dennis is a junior at the local high school and is treasurer of the Robert E. Lee Chapter. Dennis tied with Larry Riley, of Rustburg, in making 749 points out of a possible 800. Dennis was on the alternate team, which also placed high, with 2,148 points.

Appomattox's first team, consisting of Nelson Mann, Luther Reynolds, and James Cheatham, scored 2,016 points and placed fifth in the contest. Nelson Mann was third high man among the first teams, with a score of 717. Winning team of the contest was William Campbell, with 2,148 points. Second place team was New London Academy, with 2,034 points. The Moneta team placed third with 2,032; Rustburg fourth with 2,031; Appomattox fifth with 2,016; Brookville sixth with 2,001; Concord seventh with 1,983; Amherst eighth with 1,800, and Huddleston ninth with 1,632.

David Austin, Dennis Torrence, and Ralph Inge made up the Appomattox alternate team. Classes judged in the contest were: ear corn, shelled corn, wheat, oats, soybeans, lespedeza seed, orchard grass seed, and hay. The samples in each class were compared and judged for quality. Purpose is to teach the future farmer how to pick good quality crops either for market or for seeding purposes.

The Robert E. Lee Chapter of Future Farmers of America, of Appomattox High School, was host to the eight other chapters in the Hub F. F. A. Federation for this contest. After the contest a federation meeting was held. Plans were made for a spring outing. Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

Locust Grove

Locust Grove, May 28.- Mrs. Walker Beale and daughter, Dorothy, spent several days over the week-end in Covington and Clifton Forge with relatives.

Mrs. Lula Beale spent Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Ethel Garrette.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale were James Beale and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beale, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beale. Others visiting in this home recently were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carroll, of Mangum; Mrs. Fannie Coleman, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kearns.

Mrs. Florence Austain, of Richmond visited her mother, Mrs. Alice Grow, recently, who continues on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beale spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beale.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Pamplin

Pamplin, April 29.- Many out-of-town relatives and friends attended the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Mullins Williams. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Williams, Charlotte C. H., Va.; Mr. Ed Childress, Mrs. Pearl Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bascom Williams, Mrs. Nannie Sue Ladd, Miss Vesta Terrell, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ransom, Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Williams, Mr. Walker Hurt, Mr. John Hurt, Mrs. Mary E. Caldwell, Mrs. Lucy Bateman, Lynchburg, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Inge, Wilson, Va.; Mrs. Vest Wingfield, Columbia, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lucado, Roanoke, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Price, Miss Josephine Fowler, Mrs. Kenneth McGlenny, Farmville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. James Thackston, High Point, N. C.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson and family were week-end visitors of relatives at Durham, N. C.

Charles Ramsey made a flying trip to Virginia to accompany Mrs. Ramsey and children to their new home in California. Mrs. Ramsey and children spent some time in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Miss Ann Martin, of Hixburg, spent the week-end with Miss Eloise Rosser.

Mrs. H. F. Clark has been a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. She is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, of Lynchburg.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson were Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson and daughter, Linda, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. H. T. Terry spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Jesse Harvey, of Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Austin, of Evergreen visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Ferguson last week.

Mrs. Robert Harris has been a patient in the Southside Hospital in Farmville, and is now at home doing nicely.

Mrs. Chap Harvey and daughter, Miss Ida Harvey, of Darlington Heights visited Mrs. N. L. McClenny and Mrs. E. N. Harvey Monday evening.

Mrs. Ruth Eaton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson, of Appomattox, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton have received a message from their son-in-aw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Dalton, of Baghdad, Iraq, announcing the arrival of a son, Stephen Bain Dalton.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

Simple flowers, such as daisies, wild sunflowers, zinnias and cornflowers make gay, light arrangements for summer.

Combine these flowers with the wild grasses for an appealing country look of flowers that spring up by the roadside.

Daisies look at home in baskets, so why not vary this natural choice of container by choosing a big straw hat? If you turn the hat upside down and put a container with a needle point holder inside, you have an attractive centerpiece for a garden party or luncheon.

Prepare daisies by removing all low-growing buds and branches. Cut the stalks in graduated lengths, then arrange flowers so they form a vertical line, one flower directly below the other.

Hold them together and impale them with one motion in the holder. Gently bend the vertical cluster horizontally to one side. Then repeat with a second cluster on the other side.

Wild sunflowers, with their bright petals, make good contrast with daisies. Try filling out the arrangement with sprays of barley.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers).

Q. When should we expect trouble from the alfalfa weevil?

A. Hatching was heavy during the past week in many areas, and chemicals should be applied in many fields during the next two weeks. This is especially true in the southern and central counties. Low temperatures and bad weather of the winter months did not reduce the weevil populations to any recognizale extent.

Q. What is causing new seedings of alfalfa to die in small patches in fields in northern Virginia?

A. Crown and stem rot is fairly common throughout the state, as evidenced by the number of diseased samples being received at VPI plant disease laboratories. The trouble will lessen as the weather warms up.

Q. What variety of corn should I plant?

A. There are several good varieties recommended for each area of Virginia. County agents can furnish lists of adapted varieties, and can also give information on what to expect in yields, standability, insect and disease resistance, etc.

Q. Is it too late to seed permanent pasture?

A. Yes, all pastures in Virginia should have been seeded by April 15, and earlier in eastern areas. To extend summer grazing, seed sudan grass and/or millet.

Q. How can I reduce losses of hogs on the way to market?

A. During the critical hot weather months, guard against losses by insisting on a well-ventilated truck with wet-sand bedding — and a trucker with lots of "hog knowhow."

Q. How can I get rid of ants and beetle grubs in lawns?

A. A single application of chlordane generally will kill the pests for the entire season. At the same time it will eliminate wirewrms, cutworms, and other soil-dwelling insects. It can be applied in granular form, or it can be sprayed. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

Q. What is considered the average germination date for soybeans? If my beans show 68% germination, how much should I increase the planting rate?

A. A germination rate of 80% is about average. If the beans show 68% germination, increase the seeding rate by about one peck over the normal planting rate.

Q. What material and how much should be used in tobacco transplant water to control wireworms and cutworms?

A. Use 25% wettable chlordane at the rate of 2 ounces in 50 gallons of water; or 25% wettable heptachlor at the rate of 4 to 8 ounces in 50 gallons of water; or 25% lindane at the rate of 1/4 tablespoonful in 50 gallons of water.

Colored Dots

An appreciative crowd attended the seventh annual woman's day program at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 3:30. The program was sponsored by the Pastor's Aid Club of the church, with Miss H. B. Stephens serving as mistress of ceremony. The Rev. Charlie Franklin and his choir of the Calvary Baptist Church were the special guests. The welcome address was given by Mrs. C. D. Beasley; response, Mrs. J. C. Webb; greetings were given by the following ladies of their church clubs: First Baptist, Mrs. T. W. Hamlet; Canaan, Mrs. Gladys Evans; St. Luke, Mrs. Louise Canada; Promise Land, Miss Mattie Fleshman; Mount Shiloh, Mrs. Theda Harris. Remarks were given by the Rev. James Franklin and the pastor of the church. A total offering of $88.50 was taken.

A two-way sermon will be presented at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7:30 by the Franklin brothers, of Pamplin. The program is being sponsored by Mrs. Alberta Marshall and Mrs. Thelma Hancock for the benefit of the church. Music will be furnished by the church choir.

The Gospel Harmonettes, of Pamplin rendered a special program at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Impressive services were held at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon and the church choir rendered special music. The offering for the day was very good.

The public is invited to attend the regular preaching services at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11:30. At the close of the morning worship, a final report of the "Tribe of Israel" rally will be made. Each captain will make his final report.

Mother's Day services will be observed at the First Baptist Church on the second Sunday, with three services, the regular 11:30 preaching service, a special mother's day program at 3 P. M., and special services at 7:30 P. M., with the Rev. H. L. Wiggins and his choir from White Oak Grove Baptist Church in charge.

The St. Joy Baptist Church in Buckingham is sponsoring all-day services with dinner on the second Sunday in May. The Promise Land pastor and choir will be special guests at the 3 P. M. service.

Plans are completed for the annual Women's Day program to be celebrated at the Canaan Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May. Mrs. J. C. Webb will serve as mistress of ceremony.

100-YEARS YOUNG

London, England.- Big Ben, the 13½ ton bell of the most famous clock in the world marked its one hundredth birthday this month.

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Green

April 29.- Massie Hamlet in the home of Paulette on Thursday

Hamlet was a patient in Hospital several

Mrs. Owen Henderson and to Richmond Sunday

Friday evening in Mr. and Mrs. John Far- Johnson were Mr. and Staples, and the Rev. and daughter, Miss Black.

Woolridge was a Virginia Baptist days last week.

has been con- room for a week with

Paulette is spending the home of Mrs. Eliz- Greensboro, N. C.

Jr. has been con- with a bad throat

Courtney Harvey guests Sunday in the Mrs. Emmitt Paul-

Mr. Z. E. Cheatham and Mr. Kermit C. Paulette both won prizes on their horses Saturday at the Horse Show.

Mr. G. T. Marsh spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette Sunday P. M. were Mrs. Meade Crews, Mrs. Thomas Crews, Mrs. Durell Mason and daughter, Kathryn, of Nathalie; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and daughter, Pam, and Misses Ora and Phyllis Paulette.

Vera

Vera, April 29.- "Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long upon the earth." —Ephesians 4:2.

The storm on Thursday night was very bad in many places.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mrs. Maud Ablitt on Friday.

Mrs. Robert Morris and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Tuesday night.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Walker O'Brien, and do wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lester B. Harvey was supper guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday night.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Alvin Hamilton, and wish for her a speedy recovery.

April is giving us some real cold and rainy weather.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. Walker Webb, Mr. Jimmie Harvey, and family; Mrs. Walter Gibson and Mrs. Mildred Warters.

Right many from around here attended the funeral of Mr. Willis Warters in Lynchburg on Friday.

Vera, April 29.- "We know that all things work together for goood to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." -Rom. 8:28.

Mrs. Jimmie Mustain, of Richmond visited her mother, Mrs. Alice Grow Saturday. Sorry to say Mrs. Grow continues ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Eubanks, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman were dinner guests on Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette.

Mrs. Walker Beale and daughter, Dorothy visited her people at Clifton Forge over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Torrence, of Lynchburg visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Megginson last Sunday afternoon.

Richwood

Richwood, April 29.- "Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroyeth much good." —Quoted.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughters, Judy and Jane were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Woodridge Sunday.

G. P. Brannan and daughter, Georgie Belle were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited Sunday afternoon with Willie Garrette and family.

Mr. Tom Marsh spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, of Lynchburg visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. Tom Marsh.

A. B. Hunter was in Lynchburg yesterday to bring W. D. Hunter, Jr. home from a Lynchburg hospital.

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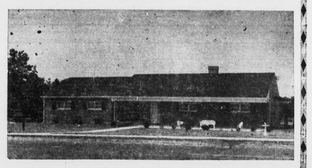

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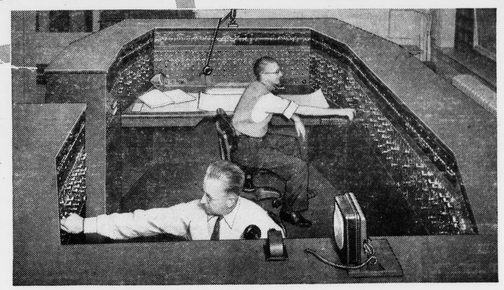

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- Placed in operation 120 new diesel locomotive units and installed diesel servicing facilities.
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- Completed construction of a new freight car shop at Roanoke, Va., with a productive capacity of 20 cars per day.
- Began construction of a 5.13-mile extension, including boring of an 8,240-foot tunnel, with eight miles of operation tracks, for servicing new coal mining operations in Southwestern Virginia.
- Completed a substantial percentage of a program of Centralized Traffic Control over various sections of the railroad.
- Completed substantial enlargement of Portlock Yard at South Norfolk, Va., providing additional facilities for more efficient handling of water borne grain and coal tonnages, and added new grain handling equipment at the Company's grain elevators at Sewells Point.
- Installed radio equipment on locomotives and in terminals to provide more efficient train operation "on the road" and quicker switching of cars in major yards.
- Installed electronic hot-box detectors and extended use of a new freight car lubricating system to 75% of N&W's rolling stock.
- Completed a large new warehouse, stevedore's gear house and carpenter shop to facilitate handling of export, import, and general cargo traffic at Norfolk.
- Installed switchboards and additional carrier circuits for improved communication between Roanoke and Norfolk, Va., and began a program of communications improvement from Bluefield, W. Va., west.
- Strengthened many bridges, provided better clearances through tunnels and cuts to permit movement of large and special shipments, replaced many miles of track with heavier rail, extended passing sidings, and made scores of other improvements to the property all along the line.

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